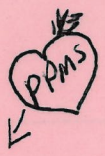

Middle School Good Times

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Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet
Matt Bass is too.
Melissa Kroll
P.S. Please be my valentine.

James Jewell:
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Here's a clue
I love you.
from: Jennifer Sargent

Dear Megan,
You're a good friend.
I have lots of fun with you.
Be my valentine friend.
Becky

Dear Kerri Champion,
I'm sorry for everything I said about you and I hope you drop Bret for me. Please.
love,
you know who

To: Janie
From: Y.F.G.O.M.
Roses are red
Violets are blunt
Since you had surgery
You're even more of a runt.

To: G.O.M.S.S.C.A.
Violets are blue
Roses are fire
Grumpy old men
It's time to retire!
From: Y.F.S.S. C.A.

To: Allen
From: Girlfriend
Happy Valentines Day, honey. Hope we have the best and spend it together.

To: Dana Gronau
I've been watching you for a long time and I think you are the most beautiful girl I know. I'm afraid to tell you who I am in case you won't like me.
Secret Admirer

To: PG-13
From: B.B. Cross
Hope you find a man before the 14th. If not, oh well, have a good one anyways.

Roses are Red
Violets are blue
I like you Dexter
Hope you like me too
Roseanna

Asher K.
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Grandma loves
#2 Best.
MeMa

Dear Bret Moss,
I'm in Mrs. Brown's class with you. All I do is stare. I always get my homework done at home because I can never stop thinking of you in class.
Love.
Secret Admirer

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Two games hav e already been played: Monday and last Wednesday, although Wednesday was only a scrimmage.

Tomorrow's game is with Covert , A team only at home for both 7 and 8. Tuesday and Thursday next week are Delton and Portage West...7 at home Tuesday and 8 at home for Thursday.

Feb.27 is Allegan, 8th at home while the 28th is South Middle, 8th at home and the 29th is Covert both teams away- A- team only.

March 7 is Allegan 8th at home, March 12th is Plainwell, 7th at home, the 14th is Pennfield 8th at home and the final game is Milwood 7th grade at home.

Good luck, ladies!

VOLLEYBALL TEAMS' SEASON IS WELL UNDERWAY...

The eighth graders playing this season are Katie Abshagen, Sam Allen, Maria Barnes, Jessica Bennett, Elaine Bussema, Sarah Carr, Cindy Coulson, Brandi Coyer, Angela Creameans, Bianca Cross, Anne DeCou, Courtney Dunn, Angela Ferrari, Jamie Fevig, Julie Fuhrmann, Treassa Gerard, Kim Holcomb, Angelina Holt, Paula Hopson, Jennifer Jasinsky, Melissa Kovach, Nellie Kuntz, Anne LaPine, Jessica Lounsberry, Chez Marsh, Lindsay Mendenhall, Kristen Millek, Tracy Miller, Jamie O'Keefe, Angela Peat, Jen Sikora, Jessica Stutz, Nicole Summerville, Alison Surdy, Laura Sutherland, Jenny Tenant, Corine Walker, and Rayanna Williams.

The seventh graders include Natalie Alden, Kelly Baskin, Kari Carr, Karrie Champion, Jodi Coash, Ashley Conner, Katrina Davidson, Stephanie DenHamer, Alisha Homan, Lindsey Hauch, Kristy Houghton, Bethany Howell, Katie Hughes, Amanda Knoll, Megan Kovach, Melanie Lanter, Sarah Lounsbury, Sitara Ludwig, Cherie Marshall, Alicia McConnell, Andrea Medema, Heather Nugteren, Erin Oakleaf, Nikki O'Keefe, Emily Pasman, Ashley Racette, Jessica Ross, Becky Ruthruff, Carmen Selent, Jessica Shipley, LeeAnn Stickels, Carrie Swinehart, Heather Taylor, Abby Tucker, Denyse Varnesdeel, Catherine Walker and Jackie Winnell.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NEXT MONTH - Regionals March 9

The team includes ten eighth graders and five seventh graders coached by Mr. Erickson, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Lutz.

Katie Abshagen, Andrew Alexander, Jack Conway, Zach Erickson, Julie Fuhrmann, Mike Martin, Rachel Roberts, Jennifer Sikora, Heather Sumner and Jason Wilhelmi are the eighth graders while the seventh grade members are Matt Campbell, Karrie Champion, Mike Haught, Brett Moss, and Joy Shinabarger.

Alternates are Chris Peshl, Amanda Butler, Melanie Lanter, Dan Meach, MAtt Rife, Matt Smith, Brianne Travis and Jackie Winnell.

WINTER DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS

King Matt Goretzka and Queen Kim Holcomb ruled over a really well-organized and elegant dance January 25. Prince and Princess were also voted for..

Many thanks to all who helped make this dance a success.

NCTE PROMISING YOUNG WRITERS ... Two 8th graders were nominated for promising young writers, a contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Jack Conway and Mike Martin wrote essays on a topic the Council assigned and sent in copies of their best writing. Results will be releases in May.

BOWLING BEGAN MONDAY

Bowling started up for the spring season at Rainbow Lanes.

Running for six weeks and sponsored by the PTO, this chance to bowl each Monday brings dozens of students to the lanes for lots of fun. Kids board the bus at school and then parents pick them up over at the Lanes.

Many thanks to Mrs. Kern who helped organize this for the PTO and PPMS..

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS? WHAT WERE YOURS?

Tell us about your most embarrassing moment... just like the stories in REACT magazine. We will publish it in our next issue of the Good Times. We can keep your name confidential but we need you to tell us who you are to verify that this is "for real." We may even rate the moment on a scale of "So what? to "Total Embarrassment." Write it down and put it in Mrs. Swanson's mailbox in the office. by a.s.

WORD ABOUT GERMAN CLASS

by C. Coulson

German class is making quite a success. Mrs. Swanson teaches the German language each Thursday at 4th hour.

There are about 28 people in all and we all try hard. Everyone has a penpal from a 7th grade German classroom in Bavaria. Sometimes when we write we even write some of our words in German.

Personally my penpal is fantastic. He writes me all of the time and he also sends me pictures and other German things. This is what some of the students think of German class.

Angela Creameans says, " I think it is really neat." "German is fun" says Tracy Miller. Paula Hopson had a lot to share. Say Paula," I think it is a good learning experience for teens who want to learn a different language. Mrs. Swanson is a great teacher for this because she's good at speaking German and she makes it fun enough to where we want to learn."

GERMAN CLASS MEMBERS include the following:
BRandon Lepley, Steve Hamilton, Rayanna Williams, Leanna Forbes, Angelina Holt, Jack Conway,

Eric Ridderbos, Jason Wilhelmi, Anne DeCou, Jessica Lounsberry, Matt Hover, Paula Hopson, Cindy Coulson, Abby Wolownik, Brandon Hewitt, Veronica DeGroff, Jen Sikora, Tom Watts, Joe Burke, Tracy Miller, Nicole Summerville, Sam Allen, Scott Pedersen, Marshall Bailly, Jenny Jasinski, Sarah Carr, Stacie Kennedy and Mike Martin.

All were required to be getting C+ or better in language arts.

P.4 Valentines

6TH GRADE CONFERENCES WED., FEBRUARY 21.

HALF-DAY the next day for teacher inservice. February 22 is an early dismissal day for middle schoolers as teachers attend meetings that afternoon.

The next half-day is March 20.

DANCE DANCE DANCE.. Feb.23

Band boosters are sponsoring the next 7th and 8th grade dance from 6:00 to 8:30 Friday the 23rd.

6TH GRADERS BOWLING PARTY

The 6th graders had a bowling party on Friday, Jan. 26. Everyone had a good time.

The first thing we want to say is that AShley Alexander beat Mr. Zolp in Tic-Tac-Toe. We also interviewed Mr. Zolp.

M & A: Would you like become a professional bowler?

Mr. Z. : No.

M & A: Why not?

Mr. Z.: It's too hard.

M & A: What is your highest score?

Mr.Z: 266.

M & A: Do you recommend this sport?

Mr. Z: Yes. It's fun and the price is low.

M & A: Who opened this bowling alley?

Mr. Z.: Mr. Dyan

At the party the highest score anyone got was a 132 and the lowest was a 10.

We took a survey and the best food there was French fries. Casey Cooper thinks they're delightful. We think everyone found the games satisfactory. We counted 180 lockers and 125 bowling balls.

by Melissa W. and Ashley A

YES THE DUMB GROUND HOG SAW HIS SHADOW.. 6 weeks more

VALENTINE'S DAY by m houghton

The day of a day that
Allows you to love one
Another , care for one another
See one another.
Oh joy and rapture.
You can capture
Your loved one and do whatever you want to
I don't know what you 're going to do. Oh Phew.
Oh do you have a sweetie
To do something with you?
Whooo ? Who?
Have a good Valentine's Day!
from Mark.

MOVIE GOERS....BEWARE.
MOVIES MAY GIVE YOU A SCARE.. warns Jon Smith

Ahh, Top Gun. They're ou practicing dog fighting and not even playing the field right. Look out, you say? Jester is behind us, you say? I'll look." It's these parts in movies that give us laughs because when Goose turns around to see Jester hot on his tail, they accidentally show us the wrong pilot. Oh well. Edit it anyway.

Not only do these mistakes happen in Top Gun but in practically every movie. Take the oh fun, ha ha movie Aladdin. Is this a mistake or not? If you turn up the volume, you might catch Alddain whispering something profane to Jasmine. If you can, try listening to the tape backwards, you might hear the tiger state his comments on teen-agers.

That's not all. In the Lion King, look up in the stars. Notice any familiar words? Check around. You may be surprised.

One of my favorites in in Jurassic Park when Ellie is in the power compound trying to turn the power on and a raptor bursts through the wall. This raptor though has a sense of humor as he says, "Hey honey I'm back."

MORE LOVE? POETRY

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Valentine's Day is judicious
And so are you.

The day is coming to a close
And I'm looking for my predestination
I'm about to expose
My somewhat loving affection
For my devotion to my faithful swain.

FEBRUARY 14
enjoyable
delightful
amiable
advantageous
genuine
industrious
significant
sufficient
preposterous
surpassing
candid.

by jessica ross

TOP TEN VALENTINES GIFTS

10. Box of chocolates
9. A " free car wash " coupon
8. Midnight stroll
7. a Christmas ornament
6. livestock
5. Dr. Scholl's Medicated Wart Padz
4. A box of homestyle Eggo waffles
2. A pocket Knife
1. Neon construction paper and if you're rich, a box of crayons too.

by x.(.wolf) conway. and doggy burke

SECRETS REVEALED.. On the Road by Jon Smith

Let's say you're driving along on a dark night and you're looking for an exit onto I-94. You find the exit and get off,. Then your headlights reveal red reflectors going down the middle of the road.

Should you?
A. continue driving
B. Get off the road
C. Stop and duck for low-flying planes. You've driven onto a a runway.

Answer is B. You know how you see yellow reflectors (usually) going down the middle of I-94? Well, if you go down the wrong side of I-94, those reflectors shine red. It's true.

VALENTINE'S ALL-SO-COOL POLL

This poll was series of questions asked the school staff about what they think of Valentine's Day. some of these teachers did not put too much effort into this poll but some did. Enjoy this all-so-cool poll.

The following were the questions, 1- 3.

1. What do you think of Valentine's Day?

2. What are you going to do for your sweetie?

3. What hunk or hunkette would you like to have?

by mark and anthony

Mrs. Reinsch said," 1. a special day, 2. special dinner and 3., Steve Gutenberg.

Mrs. Hughes said," 1. roses. 2., out to dinner. and 3. Jamie Boll. Mrs. Greensley said, " 1. love, caring, 2., dinner and roses, and 3. Hussie. Mrs. Merriam said, "1. special loving day, 2. dindin and 3. Tom Selleck".

Mrs. Nufer said, "1. highly over-rated day, 2. dindin and 3. Richard Gere." Mrs. Tapper said, 1. nothing., 2. lunch and 3. Alan Jackson." Mr. Wilson said, "1. Neato., 2. dinner and roses and 3. Diane Tapper."

Mr. Cassell said, "!. how much chocolate?2. new canoe paddles and 3. Lisa Simpson." Mr. Frik Hindenach said, "1. expensive with a girl, 2. flowers, candy and dindin. and 3. Jennifer Aneston."

Mr. Topp said, " Good day and if you love someone. 2. flowers, and 3. an unknown person in a school." Mrs. A. Smith said, " 1. a wonderful day, 2. love her husband through osmosis , Beware he's going to be gone. and 3. An anonymous golfer."

Mrs. Brown said,"1. not an Aussie tradition., 2. dinner and 3. her husband." Mr. Wilson (again) said, "1. don't think about it. 2., nothing and 3. and his wife." Ms. Hollar said, "1. old tradition, 2. no sweetie at this time but looking. and 3. a man."

Mrs. Firestone said, "1. loves it and her idea of a hunk is Paul Newman." Mrs. Markovich said," great time to say I love you. 2., a special gift. and 3. the hunk she has."

Mrs. Swanson said, "1. great chance for flowers., 2. case of Campbell's soup., and 3. Jean-Luc Picard...and my own hunk at home." Mrs. Foley said, " 1. loves the day and it's the day before my birthday. 2. din din and 3. my husband.

Mrs. Schlarman said, "2. box of chocolate and 3. Tazz." Mrs. Meach "loves it and 2. six boxes of

candy and 3. Brad Pitt." Mrs. Bolton said, "1. loves it, 2. special dinner and 3. she has one."

MEANING OF VALENTINES DAY
by b. hewitt

Around this time of the year everyone thinks about Valentine's Day... as a time of flowersa and candy. But there's more to it than that.

Before I tell you what Valentine's Day actually is and how it started , I too checked with some staff members to see what they thought. Mrs. Martin said, "It's a day to show people you lvoe them and care about them." Mr. Pefley had very strong feelings about it He said, " it is a day that all the sincere feelings between all the members of earth express their love for one another.

Mrs. McNett, an interpreter for one of the 8th graders, said she believed that Valentine's Day is another day to show your friends that you care about them.. whether it be male or female.

Mrs. MArkovich said that she personally loves Valentines Day.

Last but not least, I asked our principal Mr. Barnhouse. His response was Valentines Day is a day to tell someone special that you care about them.

Now let me give you a little info about Valentine's Day. Different people argue over the origin. That is because no one is sure.

One of the first beliefs is that Valentine's Day began in Roman festival called the Lupercalia. Another belief is that Valentine's Day was named after the saint Valentine. It is said that this is the day he was beheaded.

One last belief is that birds choose their mates on this day so it is remembered as a day of love. Although the fact of where Valentine's Day began may be a mystery, the fact of who sent the first valentine is not.

The first person to send a Valentine was the Duke of Orleans. He sent it to his wife in France. Although he was locked up in prison in London, he still managed to write a love poem for her.

Since then, Valentine's Day has changed. Now people go and buy cards and flowers instead of making them and growing them. Valentine's Day is known as one of the biggest and most well-known holidays.

So today, show that special someone in your life that you care deeply about them.

Boss of the Backwoods by j. cole

Thr black boss of the backwoods,

The beautiful but ominous bear.

Shakes, snarls, and sneers

To capture its prey with its sharp teeth.

The beautiful but ominous bear

The bear big as a horse.

RAINFOREST NATIVE by j.conway

The parrot is a native of the rainforest

His flight is accompanied always by a rainbow

He is a prism, casting rainbows when he flies.

He is wrapped in a blanket of feathers

The parrot's song is a forest orchestra.

He and his brothers chirp, tweet and sing their minds.

His song gently penetrates the misty forest canopy.

He can learn to talk, if there is a willing teacher.

He is stubborn, performing seldom,

His cheery companionship is a sunny day.

CASSIE the COCKER SPANIEL
by l. anderson

Cassie is a cute coker spaniel. She is cream-colored and has a stubby tail that moves back and forth when anyone comes near her. Cassie runs fast, so fast a policeman once gave her a speeding ticket.

A cocker spaniel can be so scared at times. Cassie is as scared as a chicken when anything startles her.

On the way home she can be as eager as a boy at Christmas or a jumping jack if she thinks she is on her way to her family.

FEAR by c. boyce

Thump. thump. I hear it every night. It seems like it inside my head sometimes. Thump thump. Get out! It's a blunt hard loud beat like a mallet smashing bones. Thump thump.

Ah it's mean, evil. Thump thump, thump. Defiler! Beast! Destructor!
Stop. Get out of my head. I fee l it, try to stop it by muffling my ears, but it never stops. Thump, thump.

I taste the nasty metal taste of fear in my mouth. The smell of grimstone, hades' fire.

Suddenly, thump, thump, thump. AAHHH! I wake up, covered with cold sweat!

Stupid hamster! Stupid loud exercise wheel! Always gives me nightmares.

Later I sold that hamster for $2.50.

MR. SNYDER TELLS ALL?
by jennifer and kelly

We asked him why did you start teaching? Mr. Snyder said, "I wanted to survive. I needed to support myself."

"When and wheredid you start? " we asked.

"In 1961, on the east side of the state by Detroit at Lake Orion High School teaching mainly 10th grade and up biology, " said he."I was 22 when I started. I was teaching kids who were 17 and 18."

We asked," When did you come to Paw Paw? and what did you teach?"

Mr. Snyder said," In 1963. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. The kids were nice and

very well-behaved. I taught 8th grade and high school biology for six or seven years. Then I came to the middle school."

We wondered if there was any other subject he'd like to teach. He said, "Yes, history."

"What do you like to see in your students?" we asked.

He replied," A strong effort, people who pay attention in class and behave in class."

We asked if he enjoyed teaching.

Mr. Snyder said, " Yes, the thing I like the most is working with students. The only part I don't like is the paper work."

When he was growing up, he told us. he had wanted to be a fisheries biologist.

Mr. Snyder's hobbbies include running and working out. "I like to fish for trout and make artificial flys. I also like to read.," said this science teacher who also teaches lit.

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Next issue.. April Fool's Day.

WHAT SCARES YOU MOST? OPINION POLLERS ASK

Matt Toliusis says, " Clowns. They are pure evil." Ben Ball thinks it's "Josh Spurlock becoming president." Noell Russell thinks "Mark Pardike. Not." Daron Hawley thinks the scariest is "having children that look and act like my brother."

Vivian Cummins says the scariest is " falling, snakes, and my grandpa Oscar." Rebecca Ruthruff says" high school and needles." Dusty Mount fears nothing but"fear itself." Chris Veley said, "Heights."

Erin Oakleaf is worried "the school will fall and all of us will die." Andrew Alexander finds "Michael Jackson" scarey. Tony Koppers is afraid of "getting impaled by a ski, falling while I'm

snowboarding."

Josh Spurlock finds " homework scarey." Dirk Terpstra finds "midgets" scarey.

Steve Gehl also finds "clowns" frightening. Lindsey Hauch said,"Mr. Topp. But my greatest fear is dying." Matt Mitchell though his own face was pretty scarey. Jessica Lounsberry hates snakes.

Nikki O'Keefe finds her brother scarey as well as spiders. Chawn Guernsey fears the world will end" before I'm dead." Matt Hover...fears " I can't read this!"

FAVORITE UNIVERSITY?

We weren't too creative here. Alsmot everyone voted for Michigan, Michigan State or Western. Jack Conway nominated "Jack University since he can a PHD for free there," Mark Houghton looks to "Hopeless University. It gives ,mehope."

Charlie Melichor's favorite is Penn State. He liked their team. Mike Huckabee apologized to Mr. Edinger but said, "U of M." Logan Gillam likes "State. It's a good college and you party a lot." Krsity Houghton likes "WMU. I have no idea why." Katie Hughes likes "Notre Dame . They have a good soccer team and a good school."

Jason Wilhelmi also likes Notre Dame. "The leprachaun is pretty cool."

We have a number of other opinions and polls but we'll save them for the April Fool's issue. Just be patient with us.

B'Ball Coach and Participator in LA

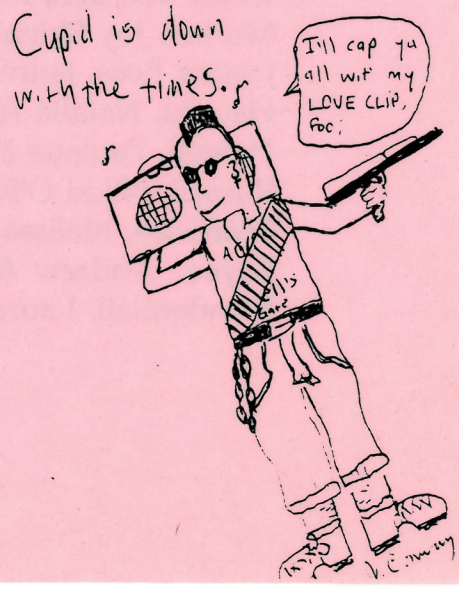
INTERVIEW With MR. HINDENACH....by sutherland, holt, and carr.

Erik Hindenach is a twenty-eight year old teacher in training. He wants to be a teacher because his mom is one. He is also our basketball coach for eighth grade guys and Lawton's seventh grade girls (who had an undefeated season.) He has a twin brother Mark who also coaches basketball and football. They're both seniors at Western.

Mr. H.'s favorite color is green and his favorite band is the Monkees. When he was younger he was in a band and played a guitar. His favorite pop is Dr. Pepper. He wears a size nine shoe and loves to eat at the Olive Garden. Jason Kidd is his favorite basketball player.

His favorite football team is the Miami Dolphins, he likes cats and his birthday is March 15.

He is here each Monday., Wednesday and Friday morning to participate in Mrs. Swanson's classroom , a step students take before they try student teaching. He is planning to teach language arts and history.



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